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"DIE WELT" OF MARCH 9 CARRIES A REPORT CONVEYING IMPRESSIONS OF CDU BUNDESTAG DEPUTY ALOIS MERTES FOLLOWING HIS RECENT TRIP TO WASHINGTON. FOLLOWING IS AN INFORMAL TRANSLATION.

BEGIN TEXT
CONCERN OVER A TENDENCY BY THE WEST EUROPEANS TOWARD "SELF-FINLANDIZATION" IS PREVALENT IN THE U.S. THIS VIEW WAS EXPRESSED BY PRESIDENT CARTER'S SECURITY ADVISER, BRZEZINSKI, DURING A DISCUSSION IN WASHINGTON, ACCORDING TO CDU BUNDESTAG DEPUTY MERTES. IN BRZEZINSKI'S EYES, THE WEST EUROPEANS UNDERESTIMATE THE SOVIET DANGER AND DO NOT SEE THE QUESTION OF NUCLEAR POWER IN A SUFFICIENTLY SOBER MANNER.

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MERTES TOLD HIS INTERLOCUTORS IN WASHINGTON OF THE UNANIMOUSLY FAVORABLE VIEW ON THE NEUTRON WEAPON IN THE CDU/CSU BUNDESTAG GROUP. IT IS HIS IMPRESSION THAT THE U.S. GOVERNMENT WOULD LIKE TO SEE THE QUESTION OF THE INTRODUCTION OF THE NEUTRON WEAPON REMOVED FROM THE TABLE BEFORE THE SPECIAL SESSION ON DISARMAMENT OF THE UN BEGINS IN MAY. EUROPEAN THINKING ON THE MATTER OF INTRO-

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DUCING THE NEUTRON WEAPON INTO DISARMAMENT NEGOTIATIONS BEFORE ITS STATIONING IS FULLY UNDERSTOOD IN AMERICA. HOWEVER, THERE WERE NO CONCRETE CONCEPTIONS (IDEAS) ABOUT THIS. THE INTRODUCTION OF THE NEUTRON WEAPON INTO THE VIENNA TROOP REDUCTION NEGOTIATIONS (MBFR) IS OUT OF THE QUESTION FOR THE USA.

THE ECONOMIC DIFFERENCES BETWEEN BONN AND WASHINGTON DO NOT DISTURB THE SUBSTANCE OF GERMAN-AMERICAN RELATIONS, MERTES FURTHER REPORTED. THESE RELATIONS, HOWEVER, CAN BE ENDANGERED IF SPECIFIC TENDENCIES IN THE COALITION WOULD PLACE INTO QUESTION THE GENERAL CONFIDENCE OF THE ALLIANCE.
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